



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6089

House of Representatives, April 17, 2003

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. O'ROURKE of the 32nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP ON STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-9b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Appointing authorities, in cooperation with one another, shall
4 make a good faith effort to ensure that, to the extent possible, the
5 membership, except the ex-officio membership, of each state
6 appointive board, commission, committee and council having
7 members appointed by the Governor or appointed by members of the
8 General Assembly is qualified and more closely reflects the gender,
9 [and] racial and ethnic diversity of the state. If there are multiple
10 appointing authorities for a board, commission, committee or council,
11 the appointing authorities shall inform each other of their appointees
12 or planned appointees in order to facilitate compliance with this

13 section.

14 (b) The executive officer or chairperson of each state appointive
15 board, commission, committee and council having members appointed
16 by the Governor or appointed by members of the General Assembly,
17 except committees whose membership consists solely of members of
18 the General Assembly, shall report in writing to the Secretary of the
19 State on or after September first, but not later than October 1, 1993, and
20 biennially thereafter, (1) the number of members of such body, and (2)
21 the composition of the body according to (A) the term "race/sex", as
22 defined in the regulations of the Commission on Human Rights and
23 Opportunities, and (B) ethnicity. Such report shall not include the
24 names of the individual members of the board, commission, committee
25 or council. The Secretary of the State shall receive and maintain the
26 reports submitted pursuant to this subsection as public records.

27 (c) No provision of this section shall (1) prohibit an individual from
28 completing a term as a member of a state appointive board,
29 commission, committee or council being served on July 2, 1993, or (2)
30 create a private right of action.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

GAE Joint Favorable Subst.

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill adds ethnicity to the list of criteria, which currently includes gender and race, that appointing authorities must try to consider when making appointments to state boards and commissions.

The bill also requires each board or commission to include members' ethnicity in their biennial report on the composition of the body. This report is filed with the Secretary of the State.

This bill has no fiscal impact on the state.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP ON STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**SUMMARY:**

This bill adds ethnicity to the criteria that appointing authorities must try to consider when making appointments to state boards and commissions with gubernatorial and legislative appointees. Current law requires the appointing authorities, when making appointments, to make a good faith effort to ensure that, to the extent possible, members' gender and race reflect their representation in the state. The bill requires the executive officer or chairman of each state appointive board or commission to include members' ethnicity in the biennial report that by law goes to the Office of the Secretary of the State on the composition of the body. Current law requires the report to include the number of members, their gender, and race.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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